STEREOTYPES ERQ

**Prompt: Explain the formation of stereotypes.**

**Introduction**

1. Stereotypes: what is it?
2. Thesis: Describe the three theories that explain how stereotypes form.

**Body Paragraph 1**

1. Illusory correlation: what is it and how does it explain how stereotypes form?
2. Describe the aim, design, and findings of a study that shows how illusory correlation explains how stereotypes form.
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of illusory correlation as an explanation of how stereotypes form as evidenced by the study.

**Body Paragraph 2**

1. Confirmation bias: what is it and how does it explain how stereotypes form?
2. Describe the aim, design, and findings of a study that shows how confirmation bias explains how stereotypes form.
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of confirmation bias as an explanation of how stereotypes form as evidenced by the study.

**Body Paragraph 3**

1. Social identity theory: what is it and how does it explain how stereotypes form?
2. Describe the aim, design, and findings of a study that shows how the Social Identity Theory explains how stereotypes form.
3. Evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of social identity theory as an explanation of how stereotypes form as evidenced by the study.

**Conclusion**

1. Repeat thesis.
2. End with your personal concluding statement about stereotypes that leaves the reader thinking.